

## JUDGES ADVOCATE BIRTH CONTROL WHEN MOTHERS SAY THEY STOLE FOR CHILDREN



Two judges, one in New York, the other in Cleveland, O., have come out for birth control among the poor in parallel cases in which mothers confessed they stole to support their children because their husbands were not earning enough.

Mrs. Rebecca Schnur was released by Judge Wadhams in New York when she pleaded she stole money to get bread for her six children, ranging in age from 10 months to 11 years. She said her husband was a victim of tuberculosis.

"The father of the family goes on producing children," said Judge Wadhams, freeing the woman, "and we

have no birth regulations in such cases.

"If information is given with respect to birth regulation, people are arrested for it."

The next day Mrs. Anna Jelinek of Cleveland, was brought before Judge Phillips, charged with stealing potatoes.

In freeing the woman, Judge Phillips said:

"There should be a knowledge of birth control among poor people. They bring children into the world and are not able to support them honestly."

Mrs. Jelinek testified her husband was making \$1.90 a day.